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August 15, 2003

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Merrill Water Utility for Authority to
Increase Water Rates

3610-WR-102

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

Telephonic Hearing Date:	Tuesday, September 30, 2003 – 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Locations:	Tomorrow River Conference Room – 1st Floor, Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI Council Chambers, Merrill City Hall, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, WI

THIS IS A PROCEEDING TO consider the application received Thursday, July 10, 2003, from Merrill Water Utility (applicant), under Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03(1) and (3), 196.20(1), and 196.37(1), (2), and (3), for authority to increase water rates. The applicant requested an overall increase of 27 percent. The actual increase to a customer will vary with individual use of water and the ultimate rates authorized by the Commission.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a hearing on Tuesday, September 30, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. This will be a **telephonic** hearing conducted from two sites. The applicant will provide a room for customer participation in the Merrill City Hall, 1004 East First Street, Merrill, Wisconsin. Customers may call the utility at (715) 539-2668 for further details on the location of the hearing room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Commission staff will participate from the second location, the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, in the Tomorrow River Conference Room. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

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At present, the only party in this case is the applicant, Merrill Water Utility. Anyone else wanting to become a party should file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21 no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request should be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854. A person does not have to be a party to testify at the hearing.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Thomas McDonald at (608) 266-7236.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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